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**COUNCILMEMBER DJOU:
HAWAII'S MILITARY FIGHTS OVERSEAS
AS THE CITY COUNCIL MOVES TO TAX THEM**

Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, East Honolulu), criticized the Honolulu City Council's move to begin assessing property taxes on military housing. Djou stated, "Today, as thousands of Hawaii soldiers fight and die in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Honolulu City Council will take a major step toward assessing real property taxes on military housing. Although City government faces a major budget deficit, we should not balance our books on the backs of Hawaii's military families who already pay more than their 'fair share' for our freedoms."

"Just as Hawaii is trying to attract a new aircraft carrier and more federal investments in our economy, Honolulu might become the first local government in the United States that taxes military housing. This move is bad timing and bad policy," declared Djou.

Bill 26 (2004), which seeks to tax military housing, will likely pass second reading this afternoon. The bill will then go to the Budget Committee with final reading before the City Council tentatively scheduled for June 4.

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